ADVICE FOR THOSE EMBARKING UPON

HIJRAH

Before you make your trip, keep in mind the following hadith of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم),

"IF YOU WERE TO RELY UPON ALLAH AS HE SHOULD REALLY BE RELIED UPON, ALLAH WOULD PROVIDE YOU LIKE HE PROVIDES THE BIRDS. THEY FLY IN THE MORNING HUNGRY AND RETURN FULL AT NIGHT"
[Sahīh – reported by Imām Ahmad, at-Tirmidhī, and others, on the authority of 'Umar]

This was said concerning matters of the dunya, so what of the religion that Allah promised to support!

Ibnul-Qayyim (رحيم الله) said,

"IF THE SLAVE RELIED UPON ALLAH AS HE SHOULD BE RELIED UPON, IN REMOVING A MOUNTAIN FROM ITS PLACE, WHILE BEING ORDERED BY ALLAH TO RE- MOVE IT, HE WOULD ELIMINATE IT SUCCESSFULLY"
[Madārij-Sālikīn]

So do not say to yourself,

"I WILL NEVER SUCCEED IN MY HIJRAH."

Most of those who have tried, have successfully. Amongst them are those who travelled by land, sometimes on foot, from country to country, crossing border after border, and Allah brought them safety.

Do not say to yourself,

"I MIGHT GET ARRESTED."

That fear is unsure and the obligation of hijrah is certain. It is not correct to nullify what is certain with what is unsure (as has been stated by Shaykh 'Abdullāh 'Azzam in some of his speeches and writings).

IF YOU FEAR ARREST, THEN DO WHAT IS WITHIN YOUR CAPABILITIES TO AVOID DETECTION, BY NOT INFORMING ANYONE OF YOUR INTENTION

So be patient, do not let the achievement of hijrah nullify your deeds by allowing pride to enter your heart. Thus, know that hijrah is a great deed.

Ibnul-Qayyim (رحيم الله) said,

"It has been authentically narrated in the Sahīh that he (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

'NO ONE WITH A MUSTARD SEED OF ARROGANCE WILL ENTER JANNAH.' THEY SAID TO HIM, 'O ALLAH'S MESSENGER, A MAN MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE GOOD SHOES AND GARMENTS. IS THAT ARROGANCE?' HE SAID, 'NO, ALLAH IS JAMĪL AND HE LOVES JAMĀL (BEAUTY). ARROGANCE IS DISDAIN OF THE TRUTH (OUT OF SELF-CONCEIT) AND CONTEMPT FOR THE PEOPLE'
[Sahīh Muslim]

SO, ARROGANCE IS DISDAIN OF THE TRUTH, REJECTION OF IT, REPELLING IT AFTER AWARENESS OF IT, AND HOLDING CONTEMPT FOR PEOPLE WITH AN EYE OF SCORN, AVERSION, AND BELITTLEMENT. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH SUCH IF IT IS DONE FOR ALLAH. THE SIGN THAT SUCH IS DONE FOR ALLAH IS THAT THE PERSON HOLDS EVEN MORE DISDAIN AND BELITTLEMENT AGAINST HIMSELF. BUT IF HE DESPISES THEM BECAUSE HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF GREAT, THEN THIS IS THE ARROGANCE WHICH WILL NOT ENTER HIM INTO JANNAH"
[Rawdatul-Muhibbīn]

Imām Ahmad reported that the tābi'ī Wahb Ibn Munabbih (رحيم الله) said,

"MŪSĀ SAID TO BANĪ ISRĀ'ĪL, 'BRING ME THE BEST OF YOUR MEN.' SO, THEY BROUGHT HIM A MAN. HE SAID, 'ARE YOU THE BEST OF BANĪ ISRĀ'ĪL?' HE RE- SPONDED, 'THAT IS WHAT THEY CLAIM.' SO MŪSĀ TOLD HIM, 'GO AND BRING ME THE WORST OF BANĪ ISRĀ'ĪL.' SO, HE LEFT AND RETURNED ALONE. MŪSĀ SAID, 'DID YOU BRING ME THE WORST OF THEM?' HE REPLIED, 'I DO NOT KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ANY OF THEM AS I KNOW ABOUT MYSELF.' MŪSĀ SAID, '[THEN] YOU ARE THE BEST OF THEM'"
[Az- Zuhd]

Abdullāh Ibn ‘Amr (رضي الله عنه) said that,

Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

“THERE WILL BE HIJRAH AFTER HIJRAH. THE BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH WILL BE THOSE WHO KEEP TO THE LAND OF IBRĀHĪM’S HIJRAH. THEN THERE WILL REMAIN ON THE EARTH THE WORST OF ITS PEOPLE. THEIR LANDS WILL CAST THEM OUT, ALLAH WILL HATE THEM, AND THE FIRE WILL GATHER THEM TOGETHER WITH THE APES AND SWINE.”
[Hasan – Reported by Imām Ahmad, Abū Dāwūd, and al-Hākim]